

HOUSE BILL No. 1844

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-19-4-10; IC 20-12.

Synopsis: Health education funding for underserved areas. Annually appropriates to Indiana University school of medicine an amount sufficient for use in providing scholarships and fellowships to disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of underrepresented minorities who participate in the Indiana medical education opportunity program. Makes a one time appropriation to Indiana University school of dentistry to establish the dental services to underserved areas scholarship endowment. Establishes the service to underserved areas nursing scholarship fund. Makes an annual appropriation to the service to underserved areas nursing scholarship fund of an amount sufficient to award scholarships to disadvantaged individuals who are members of underrepresented minorities who are enrolled in a degree program at an accredited nursing school that results in eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse. Requires that individuals who are awarded scholarships agree in writing to serve in underserved areas in Indiana for a certain period following completion of training. Requires an individual who is awarded a scholarship or fellowship to agree in writing to repay amounts received if the individual does not complete the program of study for which the scholarship or fellowship was awarded, or does not complete the underserved area service requirements. Requires an individual who is awarded a partial tuition or full tuition scholarship at the Indiana University school of medicine to complete a one month clinical rotation in an underserved area in Indiana. Requires the state department of health to designate areas of Indiana that are underserved by dentists.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-19-4-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]: **Sec. 10. The state department shall annually:**

- 4 (1) **designate the counties, cities, towns, census tracts, and**
5 **townships in Indiana that are underserved by dentists; and**
6 **(2) rank the areas designated under subdivision (1) according**
7 **to the degree an area is underserved.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 20-12-22.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
9 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2001]:

11 **Chapter 22.2. Service to Underserved Areas Nursing**
12 **Scholarship**

13 **Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
14 **state student assistance commission established by IC 20-12-21-4.**

15 **(b) As used in this chapter, "disadvantaged individual" means**
16 **an individual whose background is:**

- 17 **(1) an environment that has inhibited the individual from**

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obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from nursing school; or

(2) a family with an annual income below a level based on low income thresholds according to family size as published by the United States Bureau of the Census and adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

(c) As used in this chapter, "scholarship" means the service to underserved areas nursing scholarship.

(d) As used in this chapter, "underrepresented minority" means a racial and ethnic population that is underrepresented in the nursing profession relative to the number of individuals who are members of the population.

(e) As used in this chapter, "underserved area" means an area designated under IC 16-46-5-7 to be underserved by nurses.

Sec. 2. (a) The service to underserved areas nursing scholarship fund is established for the purpose of awarding scholarships under this chapter.

(b) The commission shall administer the fund.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

Sec. 3. The commission shall award thirty (30) scholarships per school year in an amount equal to:

(1) the full tuition cost at the resident rate at the Indiana University school of nursing; or

(2) the cost of tuition at another accredited school of nursing in Indiana;

whichever is less, per school year according to the criteria established under this chapter.

Sec. 4. The commission shall make a determination each year regarding the granting or renewal of a scholarship to students who are:

(1) members of underrepresented minorities;

(2) disadvantaged individuals; and

(3) enrolled in a degree program:

(A) that will result in eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse under IC 25-23; and

(B) at an accredited school of nursing in Indiana.

Sec. 5. The commission shall base its determination regarding renewal of scholarships awarded under this chapter on whether the

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individual student is in good standing in the nursing program in which the student is enrolled.

Sec. 6. Scholarships awarded under this chapter may not be granted for more than:

(1) four (4) years to an individual student enrolled in a nursing program for which a baccalaureate degree is awarded; or

(2) two (2) years to an individual student enrolled in a nursing program for which an associate degree is awarded.

Sec. 7. Scholarships awarded under this chapter are awarded only upon determination by the commission that the individual agrees in writing to serve an underserved area in Indiana following completion of the individual's nursing training for not less than one (1) year for every year that the individual receives a scholarship.

Sec. 8. An individual who is awarded a scholarship under this chapter shall agree in writing to repay an amount equal to the amount received by the individual under this chapter if the individual does not complete the:

(1) program of study for which the scholarship is awarded; or

(2) service requirements agreed to under section 7 of this chapter.

Sec. 9. There is annually appropriated to the service to underserved areas nursing scholarship fund from the state general fund an amount sufficient for the commission's use in awarding scholarships as described in this chapter.

Sec. 10. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter, including rules governing the enforcement of the agreements under section 7 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-30.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 30.1. Student Financial Assistance for the Indiana Medical Education Opportunity Program

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the Indiana medical education opportunity program of the Indiana University school of medicine.

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the Indiana University school of medicine student scholarship committee.

(b) As used in this chapter, "disadvantaged individual" means an individual whose background is:

(1) an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll

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in and graduate from medical school; or

(2) a family with an annual income below a level based on low income thresholds according to family size as published by the United States Bureau of the Census and adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

(c) As used in this chapter, "scholarship board" means the scholarship board described in section 3 of this chapter.

(d) As used in this chapter, "underrepresented minority" means a racial and ethnic population that is underrepresented in the medical profession relative to the number of individuals who are members of the population. The term includes the following populations:

- (1) Black or African American.
- (2) Hispanic or Latino.
- (3) American Indian.
- (4) Alaskan native.

(e) As used in this chapter, "underserved area" means an area designated under IC 16-46-5-7 as being underserved by physicians.

Sec. 3. The Indiana medical education opportunity program scholarship board is established. The board consists of the following twelve (12) members:

- (1) The president of the Aesculapian Society.
- (2) A member of the Aesculapian Society.
- (3) The president of the Indiana State Medical Association.
- (4) A member of the Indiana State Medical Association.
- (5) Four (4) members representing the Indiana University school of medicine, including the:
 - (A) dean of the Indiana University school of medicine or the dean's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the board;
 - (B) chairperson of the Indiana University school of medicine admissions committee;
 - (C) director of the Indiana medical education opportunity program; and
 - (D) chairperson of the Indiana medical education opportunity program faculty advisory committee.
- (6) Two (2) members representing the state department of health, including:
 - (A) the state health commissioner; and
 - (B) a member of the staff of the state department of health.
- (7) The president of the National Medical Association, Northwest Indiana chapter.



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(8) The president of the African American Healthcare Alliance of Fort Wayne.

The scholarship board shall meet at least two (2) times per calendar year.

Sec. 4. There is annually appropriated to the Indiana University school of medicine from the state general fund an amount sufficient for its use in providing scholarships and fellowships as described in this chapter.

Sec. 5. (a) The committee shall make a determination each year regarding eligibility, assessment, and ranking of potential financial assistance recipients. The committee shall present a list of eligible potential financial assistance recipients to the scholarship board for the scholarship board's determination under subsection (b).

(b) The scholarship board shall make a determination regarding the granting or renewal of financial assistance to disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of underrepresented minorities as follows:

(1) Full tuition scholarships at one hundred percent (100%) of the resident tuition rate, including mandatory fees, for:

(A) thirty (30) first year students; and

(B) fifteen (15) second year students;

in the master of science in medical science program at Indiana University school of medicine.

(2) Partial tuition scholarships at fifty percent (50%) of the resident tuition rate, including mandatory fees, for:

(A) fifteen (15) first year medical students;

(B) fifteen (15) second year medical students;

(C) fifteen (15) third year medical students; and

(D) fifteen (15) fourth year medical students;

in the doctor of medicine program at Indiana University school of medicine.

(3) Full tuition scholarships at one hundred percent (100%) of the resident tuition rate, including mandatory fees, for:

(A) five (5) first year medical students;

(B) five (5) second year medical students;

(C) five (5) third year medical students; and

(D) five (5) fourth year medical students;

in the doctor of medicine program at Indiana University school of medicine.

(4) Thirty (30) Indiana University school of medicine prematriculation program fellowships at one hundred percent (100%) of the cost to the student of participating in the

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1 program.

2 Sec. 6. The scholarship board shall base its determination
3 regarding renewal of scholarships specified under section 5(b)(1)
4 through 5(b)(3) of this chapter on whether the individual student
5 is in good standing in the program of study under which the
6 scholarship is awarded.

7 Sec. 7. Scholarships awarded under section 5(b)(1) of this
8 chapter may not be granted for more than two (2) years to an
9 individual student enrolled in the master of science in medical
10 science program.

11 Sec. 8. Scholarships awarded under section 5(b)(2) and 5(b)(3)
12 of this chapter may not be granted for more than four (4) years to
13 an individual student enrolled in the doctor of medicine program.

14 Sec. 9. Scholarships awarded under section 5(b)(2) and 5(b)(3)
15 of this chapter are awarded only upon determination by the
16 scholarship board that the individual agrees in writing to serve an
17 underserved area in Indiana following completion of the
18 individual's medical training for not less than:

19 (1) six (6) months for every year that the individual receives
20 a scholarship awarded under section 5(b)(2) of this chapter;
21 and

22 (2) one (1) year for every year that the individual receives a
23 scholarship awarded under section 5(b)(3) of this chapter.

24 Sec. 10. An individual who is awarded a scholarship or
25 fellowship under this chapter shall agree in writing to repay an
26 amount equal to the amount received by the individual under this
27 chapter if the individual does not complete the:

28 (1) program of study for which the scholarship or fellowship
29 is awarded; or

30 (2) service requirements agreed to under section 9 of this
31 chapter.

32 Sec. 11. An individual who is awarded a scholarship under
33 section 5(b)(2) or 5(b)(3) of this chapter shall complete a one (1)
34 month clinical rotation in an underserved area in Indiana as part
35 of the individual's third year or fourth year medical school
36 curriculum.

37 SECTION 4. IC 20-12-32.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
38 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2001]:

40 Chapter 32.1. Dental Service to Underserved Areas Scholarship
41 Endowment

42 Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "scholarship" means the

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dental service to underserved areas scholarship.

(b) As used in this chapter, "underrepresented minority" means a racial and ethnic population that is underrepresented in the dental profession relative to the number of individuals who are members of the population.

(c) As used in this chapter, "underserved area" means an area designated under IC 16-19-4-10 as being underserved by dentists.

Sec. 2. The Indiana University school of dentistry shall:

(1) establish the dental service to underserved areas scholarship endowment; and

(2) award four (4) scholarships per school year as follows according to the criteria established under this chapter:

(A) One (1) scholarship to one (1) student in the first year school of dentistry class.

(B) One (1) scholarship to one (1) student in the second year school of dentistry class.

(C) One (1) scholarship to one (1) student in the third year school of dentistry class.

(D) One (1) scholarship to one (1) student in the fourth year school of dentistry class.

Sec. 3. The office of admissions of the Indiana University school of dentistry shall make a determination each year regarding the granting or renewal of a scholarship to students who are members of underrepresented minorities as follows:

(1) one (1) first year dental student;

(2) one (1) second year dental student;

(3) one (1) third year dental student; and

(4) one (1) fourth year dental student;

in the doctor of dental science program at Indiana University school of dentistry.

Sec. 4. The office of admissions of the Indiana University school of dentistry shall base its determination regarding renewal of scholarships specified under section 3 of this chapter on whether the individual student is in good standing in the doctor of dental surgery program.

Sec. 5. Scholarships awarded under this chapter may not be granted for more than four (4) years to an individual student enrolled in the doctor of dental surgery program.

Sec. 6. Scholarships awarded under this chapter are awarded only upon determination by the office of admissions of the Indiana University school of dentistry that the individual agrees in writing to serve an underserved area in Indiana following completion of

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1 the individual's dental training for not less than one (1) year for
2 every year that the individual receives a scholarship.

3 Sec. 7. An individual who is awarded a scholarship under this
4 chapter shall agree in writing to repay an amount equal to the
5 amount received by the individual under this chapter if the
6 individual does not complete the:

7 (1) program of study for which the scholarship is awarded; or

8 (2) service requirements agreed to under section 6 of this
9 chapter.

10 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] There is appropriated
11 to Indiana University school of dentistry from the state general
12 fund one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for its
13 use in establishing the dental service to underserved areas
14 scholarship endowment to provide scholarships under
15 IC 20-12-32.1, as added by this act. Money appropriated under this
16 SECTION does not revert to the state general fund at the end of
17 any state fiscal year, but remains available to the Indiana
18 University school of dentistry to carry out the purposes of this
19 SECTION.

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